

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3 November 2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 21-23,25-35 and 37-39.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20091202.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Apu M Mofiz/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2161

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 21-23, 25-35 & 37-39 are pending in this Office Action.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Maurice Pirio on 12/2/2009.

3. The application has been amended as follows in view of expediting allowances:

IN THE CLAIMS:

- A Cancel claims 24 and 36.
- B. Rewrite claims 21 and 30 as follows:

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) A method performed by a computer system having a processor and memory of inserting a graphic onto a drawing page of a drawing software module installed on the computer system, wherein the drawing software module is configured to access by default a local graphic library that is installed on the computer system, the method comprising:

providing access to an enterprise graphic library maintained on a local area network, wherein the enterprise graphic library includes content transferred from a public graphic library accessible via a wide-area network to the enterprise graphic library,

wherein the enterprise graphic library and the public graphic library are both remote from the computer system, and

wherein the enterprise graphic library and the public graphic library are both separate from the local graphic library the drawing software module is configured to access by default;

maintaining in the memory of the computer system the local graphic library;

receiving from a user configuration information, wherein the configuration information indicates ~~whether~~ that the enterprise graphic library[,] and the public graphic library, ~~or both~~ are accessible to the drawing software module in addition to the local graphic library the drawing software module is configured to access by default;

configuring the drawing software module to access the enterprise graphic library[,] and the public graphic library, ~~or both~~ based on the received configuration information;

receiving from the user a search term that describes a desired graphic and a selection of whether to search the local graphic library, ~~a~~ the remote graphic library ~~libraries~~, or both;

when the user selects to search ~~the~~ a remote graphic ~~libraries~~ library, directing the computer system to communicate with the enterprise graphic library[,] and the public graphic library, ~~or both~~ based on the configuration of the drawing software module, wherein the directing comprises:

~~if the drawing software module has been configured to access the enterprise graphic library,~~ identifying by the computer system one or more graphics in the enterprise graphic library that match the received search term, and

~~if the drawing software module has been configured to access the public graphic library,~~ identifying by the computer system one or more graphics in the public graphic library that match the received search term;

when the user selects to search the local graphic library, identifying by the computer system one or more graphics in the local graphic library that match the received search term;

retrieving from the graphic libraries in which the graphics were identified metadata associated with each of the identified graphics;

displaying to the user the retrieved metadata;

receiving from the user a selection of one of the identified graphics based on the displayed metadata;

retrieving the selected graphic from the graphic library in which the graphic was identified; and

inserting the selected graphic onto the drawing page of the drawing software module.

Claim 30. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium having computer-executable instructions for implementing a method of inserting a graphic onto a drawing page of a drawing software program installed on a computer, wherein the drawing software ~~program module~~ is configured to access by default a local graphic database that is installed on the computer, the method comprising:

providing access to an enterprise graphic database maintained on a local area network, wherein the enterprise graphic database includes content transferred from a public graphic database accessible via a wide-area network to the enterprise graphic database,

wherein the enterprise graphic database and the public graphic database are both remote from the computer, and

wherein the enterprise graphic database and the public graphic database are both separate from the local graphic database the drawing software program is configured to access by default;

receiving from a user configuration information, wherein the configuration information indicates ~~remote graphic databases~~ that the enterprise graphic database and the public graphic database are accessible to the drawing software program in addition to the local graphic database the drawing software ~~module~~ program is configured to access by default;

configuring the drawing software program to access the ~~remote graphic databases~~ enterprise graphic database and the public graphic database based on the received configuration information;

receiving from the user a search term that describes a desired graphic and a selection of whether to search the local graphic database, the remote graphic databases, or both at least one of the graphic databases that the drawing software program has been configured to access;

when the user selects to search the remote graphic databases, directing the computer to communicate with the enterprise graphic database and the public graphic database based on the configuration of the drawing software program, wherein the directing comprises:

identifying by the computer one or more graphics in the enterprise graphic database that match the received search term, and

identifying by the computer one or more graphics in the public graphic database that match the received search term;

when the user selects to search the local graphic database, identifying one or more graphics in the ~~selected graphic databases~~ local graphic database that match the received search term;

displaying to the user information associated with each of the identified graphics;

receiving from the user a selection of one of the identified graphics based on the displayed information; and

inserting the selected graphic onto the drawing page of the drawing software program from the graphic database in which the graphic was identified.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 21-23, 25-35 & 37-39 are now renumbered as 1-17 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 21 and 30, the prior art fails to disclose or make obvious a method or a system having a processor and memory of inserting a graphic onto a drawing page of a drawing software module installed on the computer system comprising, in addition to the other recited features of the claim, the features of (i) receiving from the user a search term that describes a desired graphic and a selection of whether to search the local graphic library, the remote graphic libraries or both; and (ii) when the user selects the search the remote graphic libraries directing the computer system to communicate with the enterprise graphic library and the public graphic library based on the configuration of the drawing software module, wherein the directing comprises: the steps of identifying by the computer system one or more graphics in the enterprise graphic library that match the received search term and identifying by the computer system one or more graphics in the public graphic library that match the received search term in the manner recited in claim 21 or claim 30.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MONICA M. PYO whose telephone number is (571)272-8192. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon- Fri 8:00 - 2:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Apu Mofiz can be reached on 571-272-4080. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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